

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 390**

February 5, 2021

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires utilities to establish policies governing the discontinuation of service for nonpayment. Prohibits utilities from discontinuing service on certain days.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-32-102, only utilities operating within Davidson County are required to establish a discontinuation policy for nonpayment.
- The proposed language:
  - Requires any utility which provides electricity, gas, or water; or converts solid waste into heat, fuel, or energy to establish a policy governing the discontinuation of service for nonpayment; and
  - Prohibits the discontinuation of service when such service cannot be reconnected within 24 hours of discontinuation or preceding or following a legal holiday. This prohibition is not limited to discontinuation for nonpayment.
- It is reasonably assumed all utilities have established a service discontinuation policy for nonpayment and that such policies identify specific days which the utility will not discontinue service for nonpayment.
- It is further assumed that the prohibition for the discontinuation of service established by the proposed language will not apply to discontinuations due to emergencies.
- Any fiscal impact to local government for the establishment or modification of discontinuation policies is estimated to be not significant.

**IMPACT TO COMMERCE:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- It is reasonably assumed all public utilities have established a service discontinuation policy for nonpayment and that such policies identify specific days which the public utility will not discontinue service for nonpayment.

- It is further assumed that the prohibition for the discontinuation of service established by the proposed language will not apply to discontinuations due to emergencies.
- The proposed language will not result in any significant impact to jobs or commerce in Tennessee.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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